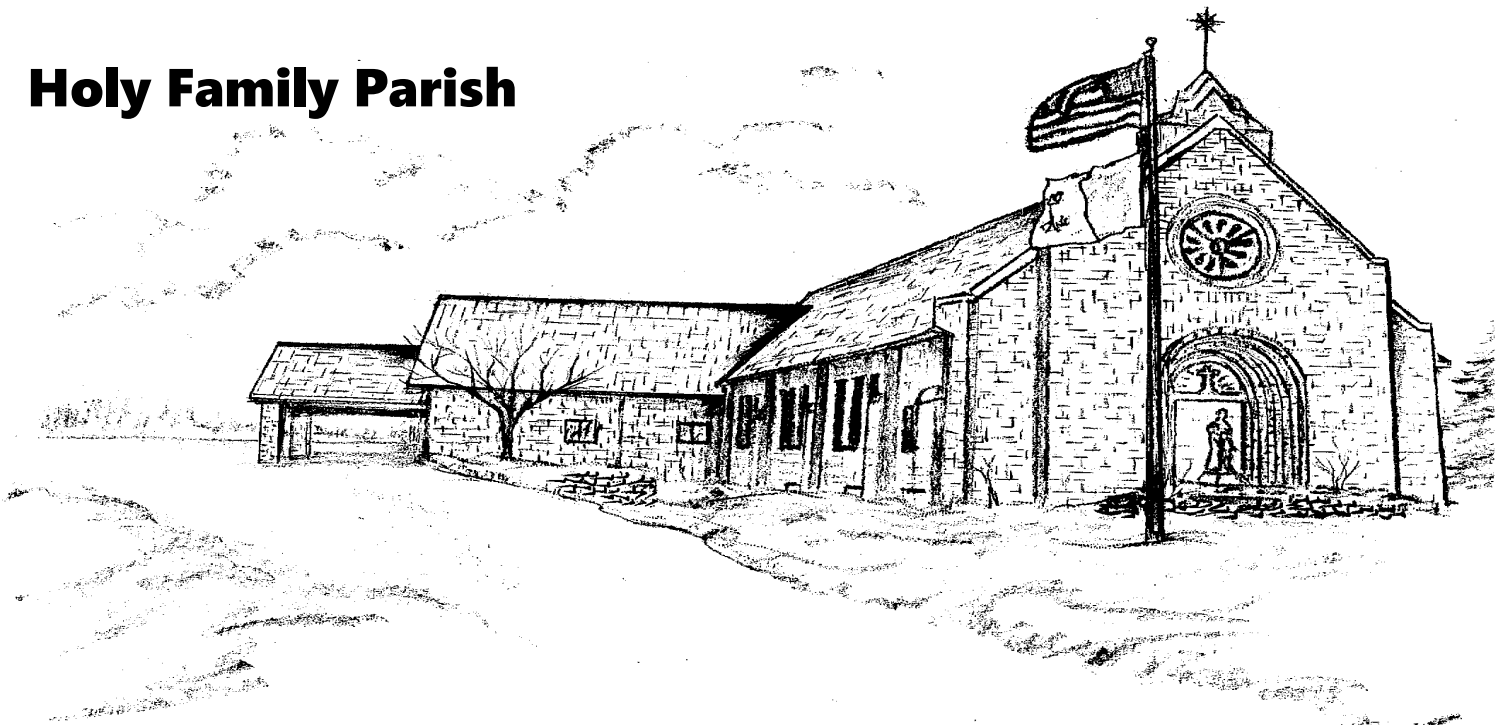


# Holy Family Parish



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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 5, 2021

### Pastor

(906) 786-1209 Ext. 3

### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### Deacon

Deacon: Robert Berbohm 786-9082

### REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

### Parish Secretary

Pam Leisner (906) 786-1209 Ext. 1 (H) 789-1710

Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

*Bulletin articles should be submitted*

*by Noon on Wednesdays*

E-mail Address: [secretary@holyfamilyparish.net](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyparish.net)

Website: [www.holyfamilyparish.net](http://www.holyfamilyparish.net)

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

### Faith Formation Coordinator

Chris Olesak 428-9431

Email: [colesak@allsaintsgladstone.org](mailto:colesak@allsaintsgladstone.org)

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

### Maintenance

### Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President      Diane Danhoff  
Wanda Chenier – Secretary      Harold Flagstadt  
Kevin Dubord      Tina Cryderman  
Pam Marenger – Liturgy Committee  
Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron      Piper Desy      Bill Smith  
Mary Kay Nolde      Frank Chenier

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

*Bob Miller, Lincoln Noel, Diane, Brevyn Willford, Barb Betty Lou, Kambria, Shelly Polaczyk, Jan Carter, Pete*

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

## CATECHETICAL CORNER

### Sacrament of Holy Orders (Cont.)

#### The Bishops

Though Jesus conferred on the apostles the priesthood, they were known as the apostles in the early Church. In the Acts of the Apostles and the epistles we come to know that the apostles appointed immediate helpers as ‘presbyters.’ In fact, as the Christian communities which were quickly formed after the day of Pentecost began to spread, the community of the apostles was certainly prominent, especially the group of those who in the Jerusalem community were “reputed to be pillars: James and Cephas and John,” as St. Paul attests in Galatians (2:9). These are Peter, set up by Jesus as head of the apostles and supreme pastor of the Church; John, the beloved apostle; and James, “the brother of the Lord,” acknowledged as the head of the Jerusalem Church.

However, along with the apostles, Acts mentions “presbyters” (cf. Acts 11:29-30; 15:2, 4), who with them constitute the first subordinate rank of the hierarchy. In the early Church they were known as the bishops. So we could very well conclude that the position of the disciples of Jesus, Timothy, Titus and Barnabas was that of the modern bishop. In the early stage of the Church there were no priests, but only the bishops managed the liturgical celebrations and sacramental needs of the people. But, after receiving the religious freedom, when the Church started spreading all through Europe the bishops were not enough to administer the sacraments and teach the people. So the priests or presbyters were ordained in the Church.

#### Ordination of Bishops, Priests and Deacons

**Bishops:** By ordination to the episcopacy, bishops receive the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and become successors of the Apostles. Through this Sacrament, a bishop belongs to the college of bishops and serves as the visible head or pastor of the local church entrusted to his care. As a college, the bishops have care and concern for the apostolic mission of all the churches in union with and under the authority of the Pope—the head of the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome, and the successor of St. Peter. The Bishop’s Ordination is known as the Episcopal Ordination or just as the Consecration. A Bishop can be ordained by another Bishop or Archbishop or Cardinal. But there will be several other Bishops present at the Altar.

**Priests:** By ordination, “priests are united with the bishops in [priestly] dignity and at the same time depend on them in the exercise of their pastoral functions; they are called to be the bishops’ prudent co-workers” (CCC, no. 1595). With the bishop, priests form a *presbyteral* (priestly) community and assume with him the pastoral mission for a particular parish. The bishop appoints priests to the pastoral care of parishes and to other diocesan ministries. The priest promises obedience to the bishop in service to God’s people. At a priest’s Ordination normally there will be only one Bishop present. If the candidate is diocesan, then the local Bishop will be the minister. Only a Bishop can ordain a candidate to priesthood.

**Deacons:** The title *deacon* comes from the Greek word *diakonia* meaning “servant.” A deacon has a special attachment to the bishop in the tasks of service and is configured to Christ, the Deacon—or Servant—of all (cf. CCC, nos. 1569-1570).

“There are two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ: the episcopacy and the presbyterate. The diaconate is intended to help and serve them” (CCC, no. 1554). The three degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders—bishop, priest, and deacon—are all conferred by ordination.

Deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders from a bishop and are ordained not to the ministerial priesthood but to the ministry of service. (***But if one is a seminarian, before his ordination to priesthood, first he is ordained to diaconate. Then he is called a transitional deacon.***) Through ordination the deacon is conformed to Christ, who came to serve, not to be served. In the Latin Church, deacons may baptize, proclaim the Gospel, preach the homily, assist the bishop or priest in the celebration of the Eucharist, assist at and bless marriages, and preside at funerals. They dedicate themselves to charitable endeavors, which was their ministerial role in New Testament times. Whether they are involved in the Church’s liturgical or pastoral life or in her social and charitable endeavors, deacons are “strengthened by the imposition of hands that has come down from the apostles. They would be more closely bound to the altar and their ministry would be made more fruitful through the sacramental grace of the diaconate” (AG, 16, no. 6).

**(We will continue next week).**

***Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time***

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – For our Special Intentions ----- Labor Day – Parish Office closed
Tues.	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Gerald & Lorraine Nelson
Wed.	Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Amy Chenier Kositzke
Thurs.	Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the intentions of Frank Kudwa & Children
Fri.	Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Butch Roberts ----- Parish office closed
Sat.	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Sun.	Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Moe & Helen Ness 10:00 AM - Mass - Frank & Chum Hardy

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI**

79 envelopes were returned for Sunday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$ 3,087.00
Loose.....	86.00
General Maintenance.....	10.00
Fuel.....	10.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,193.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,658.66**  
**Short Fall..... \$ 465.66**

Diocesan Collection – Haiti.....	974.00
St. Vincent DePaul Envelopes.....	486.00

**Your Ticket to Fall Fun!!**

BINGO - Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 7:00 PM –  
 Doors open at 6:00 PM at the Nahma Township Hall.  
 Paper Bingo Cards....No Buttons Needed. Raffle  
 Drawing at 9:45 PM Come hungry, our concession  
 stand will be serving brats, hot dogs, sandwiches,  
 chips, popcorn, desserts, pop and water! All proceeds  
 to benefit St. Andrews Catholic Church.

As we pray for those afflicted by the recent earthquake in Haiti that struck on Saturday, August 14, our bishop, Most Rev. John F. Doerfler, asks that all parishes and missions in the diocese take up a special collection. This collection will support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. Funds collected will be for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, intercede for us that this special appeal will be successful and provide for the needs of the people and the Church in Haiti. The basket for the collection will remain in the gathering area until after next weekend’s Masses.

*Don't forget to buy or sell the raffle tickets for our Annual Harvest dinner on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please turn in all monies and ticket stubs to the parish office.*

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>** - Guard against the loss of spiritual power that comes through hasty words and judgments.
- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Never let a difficulty stop you; it may be only sand on your track to prevent your skidding.
- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Oh, never say that there is nothing you can give, Through all the years you live, You can bestow the fair and healing gift of prayer.
- Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** - ....whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus....Colossians 3:17
- Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Speak out for the Lord; remember silence isn't always GOLDEN; on occasions it may be just plain YELLOW!
- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** - It is good to be saved and KNOW IT; But it's better to be saved and SHOW IT.
- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Those who walk with God always get to their destination.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor?

For more information contact Rosemary Beauchamp at 786-9442.

### Escanaba St. Vincent de Paul Job Opportunities

Truck Driver wanted 29 hours/week  
Stop by 815 1st Avenue North, Escanaba  
or call Cindy at 789-1281

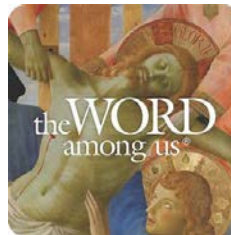
## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <b>Monday</b><br>Col 1:24—2:3<br>Lk 6:6-11                 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Col 2:6-15<br>Lk 6:12-19    |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30<br>Mt 1:18-23 | <b>Thursday</b><br>Col 3:12-17<br>Lk 6:27-38  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14<br>Lk 6:39-42            | <b>Saturday</b><br>1 Tm 1:15-17<br>Lk 6:43-49 |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>Is 50:4c-9a    Jas 2:14-18    Mk 8:27-35  |   |

### **ST. THOMAS BREAKFAST RETURNS!**

Please join us for Breakfast at  
St. Thomas Parish Hall on Sunday, September  
12th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Coffee &  
Juice will be served. \$8.50 ages 13 & up \$5.50 FOR  
ages 6-12, 5 and under are FREE!

Breakfast will continue on the first Sundays of each  
month. See you there!



We are starting to work on the subscriptions for next year's **The WORD AMONG US**. If you currently have the subscription and would like to keep it you need to do nothing.

If you would like to start receiving **The WORD AMONG US** please call the parish office. The cost will be \$20 for the year.

The reason I was given the Nobel Prize was because of the poor. The prize, however, went beyond appearances. In fact, it awakened consciences in favor of the poor all over the world. It became a sort of reminder that the poor are our brothers and sisters, and that we have the duty to treat them with love..

~Mother Teresa

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle – B; Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Isaiah 35: 4-7; James 2: 1-5; Mark 7: 31-37**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

The Messianic prophecies of Isaiah are well known and 700 years later most of those prophecies were fulfilled in the person and ministry of Jesus. In today's reading he prophesies **“At the visitation of the Lord, says Isaiah, The eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.”** The physical healing of the deaf and mute person described in today's gospel is the clear indication that the Messianic age prophesied by Isaiah is finally dawned. Among the miracles of Jesus we also find the healing of the blind and the paralyzed.

Usually Jesus used his Word of Command to heal the sick. But deviating from that method, here we find him using a series of rituals to heal the deaf person. First of all, he takes the man outside of the crowd then he puts his finger in the deaf man's ears and spitting, touches his tongue and commands, *‘Ephphatha’-be opened*. We have couple other similar incidents in the gospels. In case of the blind man in Bethsaida, Jesus uses the spittle and touches the blind man's eyes. In another incident in John chapter 9, Jesus smears the mud on the blind man's eyes mixed with spittle and asks him, “Go wash in the pool of Siloam.” He too was healed. In the ancient world spittle was supposed to have curative property in it. We may wonder, why does Jesus need any curative property at all? In the deaf and mute man's case the request of healing came from the deaf man's friends; because he could not speak to Jesus. Jesus moves with pity seeing the faith of the deaf man's friends who spoke for their voiceless friend. **In every miracle what we find is not a mere physical healing rather we witness the transforming power of God's love working in the person affected.** In the case of the deaf and mute man not only he has been healed of his physical ailment but also given the opportunity to listen to the Word of God from Jesus and he bears witness to the love of Jesus later. Though Jesus ordered him not to publicize the incident, all the more he and his friends started speaking it out.

*The deaf man in today's gospel also symbolizes our communication problem with God.* In the modern age many people are spiritually deaf and mute and find it hard to hear the voice of God and speak to him. **Sometimes, people who are overwhelmed by sorrow, frustration and terminal illness find it hard to communicate with God and hear His voice.**

These days many people hate to hear the voice of God. For it demands change and sacrifice from them. So they try to silence God or ignore Him intentionally in every area of life. Unfortunately, God is removed from individuals' life and from all public places. God's Commandments have nothing to do with our modern justice system and life style. When we visit a Catholic home, very rarely we find an image of Jesus or any religious symbol in the house except in the homes of the elderly. ***In the modern age, people conveniently ignore the presence of God and the voice of God coming through the poor, the oppressed and the unborn.*** In our country the law and order system is pretty good and no one is totally neglected or justice being denied. But unfortunately the most helpless ones, the unborn children, who have no voice and who remain totally helpless are not even considered to be a human being. They are deprived of the right to live and the law doesn't give them any protection. At the same time they don't have any voice to cry for their cause. Remember, **their voiceless cry is the voice of Jesus. It is a grave sin, if we shut our ears to that.**

In the present age children do not have good opportunity to hear the voice of Jesus and learn about God at all. The children who have received the First Communion are very often not sent back to CCD classes for the continuation of the faith formation. The utter negligence of the parents denies these children their right to learn more about God and their faith. The same parents try to give all skills to the children and the children are over pressured to acquire all sorts of skills. It is amazing to notice that even a twelve year old can shoot a deer without missing the aim. But he/she may not be able to recite the prayer '*Our Father.*' These days good many children don't hear anything about God or his Word at home. Many don't have the experience of prayer at home other than the grace they may say before a meal. When the children grow up in this situation, they never recognize the voice of God coming to them at all. And in their critical situation they don't know how to turn to God for help. If our children are deaf towards the voice of God and blind towards the moral values, it is not they who are to be blamed rather their parents are responsible for that. **We, the pastors, rulers, parents, teachers and children need to hear the cry of Jesus, 'Ephphatha' – be opened; especially our ears, eyes and hearts towards Jesus.**